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Famous Americans Stamp Album

Ready for Delivery — March 1st

WE announced in a special circular mailed early in November, the proposed publication of a set of special album pages for the coming Famous Americans Stamps. In fact we announced two different and distinct sets of pages. The first set to consist of seven pages illustrating the five persons on each group of the coming stamps and a set of 7 pages to have spaces for the stamps of each group. These pages were to be printed so that they would face each other when placed in the binders, thus making a handsome display. There was also to be a handsome title page and a set of front and back fancy paper pages or end pages for the album. All these pages were to be included in a special three ring binder of the standard size. We failed to state that the pages would be of the standard $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inch size punched with three holes to fit the standard size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ ring binders.

In our original announcement we also stated that a second set of pages would be prepared and that this second set would consist of 35 pages, five pages headed for the Authors, five for the Artists and so on through the seven sets. These are offered for those who will want to build up a special or specialized collection of these stamps and one or more extra groups of these special printed pages can be used thus.

We announced that the proceeds from the sale of these pages would be set aside in a special fund for the purchase of a Wire Stitching Machine so that we could satisfy that group of collectors who have repeatedly asked us to wire stitch the paper.

In our original offer, we stated that these pages would be printed in two colors. We have had such a hearty response in advance orders for these pages that we are going to go a step farther and now announce that the pages will be specially printed in three colors so that you will have a much more beautiful set of pages. There will be no change in price. The price for either set of pages, the first set of 15 with the fly leaves of fancy art paper are to be delivered in a special three ring binder that we have arranged to have supplied for these pages. This set in the binder will make you a handsome and complete Famous Americans Album and the price is only \$1.00 postage extra. Shipping weight is 1 pound.

The second set of 35 pages is without a binder but may be added to the binder in which the first set is issued. This set will also be printed in three colors and will please every collector. The price is \$1.00 plus postage, shipping weight 1 pound.

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Thus if you will place an advance order for these pages we will be glad to have you do so as in that manner you will be helping in their production and will be assured of getting a set of the pages as there will be but one printing and after that is sold out, no more will be available.

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Annual Events Calendar

Under this heading we will list all scheduled annual events if the clubs will advise us promptly of their exhibitions, etc. For this publicity to do the most good it should be printed here about two weeks prior to date of the event and in order to be in at that time we should be advised no later than one month prior to the date set. Space does not permit listing the same affair for a number of weeks, but if advised early we will list your event once in the next issue possible after you advise us and then insert the notice again in the three issues prior to the date. Thus, information can be sent us as early as you please and a maximum of publicity will result. Remember please this is a weekly, not a daily, and items received for publication cannot therefore reach print the same day or sometimes the same week they are received.

Butler, Pa. — Fourth Annual Exhibition and Open House by the Butler County Philatelic Society at the Community Bldg., Mar. 16-17.

Cleveland, O. — Golden Jubilee of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, at Hotel Hollenden, March 29-31.

Corning, N. Y. — Fifth Annual Exhibition and Banquet by the Crystal City Stamp Society at Hotel Baron Steuben, April 20.

Detroit, Mich. — Annual exhibition of the Michigan Stamp Club at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, March 9 and 10.

Pietwood, Pa. — Third Annual Exhibition by East Penn Collectors Club, Feb. 23-24-25 at the Fire Hall.

Hollywood, Calif. — HOLLYPEX exhibition, Feb. 27 to March 3, Masonic Temple.

Houston, Texas — Annual convention of the Precancel Stamp Society, Aug. 16 to 19 inclusive.

Hutchinson, Kans. — Annual banquet, March 21, Hutchinson Stamp Club, place not stated.

Indianapolis, Ind. — Fifth annual convention of Indiana and Kentucky clubs, Claypool Hotel, April 19-21. Exhibit, bourse, Congress.

Mishawaka, Ind. — Annual exhibition of Northern Indiana Philatelic Society, Mishawaka Hotel, May 6, in honor of Penny Black.

New Orleans, La. — Ninth Annual Exhibition by the Philatelic Society of New Orleans and Crescent City Stamp Club at Hotel Roosevelt, March 8, 9, and 10.

New York City — Centenary of Postmark Exhibition by the Collectors Club, at the club house, May 6-12.

Pottsville, Pa. — Third Annual Exhibition by the Anthracite Stamp Club at the Public Library, Feb. 23-29.

Reading, Pa. — Fifth annual exhibition by the Admiral Byrd Stamp and Coin Club, Historical Society Bldg., March 3 to 10.

St. Petersburg, Fla. — Annual Winter Exhibition of Chamber of Commerce by local clubs and affiliates, Feb. 19-24.

Topeka, Kans. — Annual Dinner of Topeka Stamp Club at Sickinger's Cafe, March 7.

Butler (Pa.) Exhibition

The Fourth Annual Exhibition and Open House of the Butler County Philatelic Society will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17 in the Community Bldg., Butler, Pa. Members will exhibit portions of their collections in 75 frames, the exhibition being open on Saturday from 1 P. M. to 10 P. M. and from noon until 5 P. M. on Sunday. The dinner will be at 6:15 Saturday evening at the Hotel Willard. All collectors are invited to attend and meet other collectors and dealers from the tri-state district. Information on bourse, etc., may be obtained of J. Garland Marks, 222 Franklin St., Butler, Pa. This club has recently changed its time of meeting, now meeting on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Y. M. C. A., with visitors always welcome.

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Stamp Collecting Course At Harvard

A series of eight lectures by Haughton Sanguinetti on stamp collecting starting with that of the evening of Jan. 18, was announced last month by the University Extension Division of the Department of Education of Massachusetts. The classes in stamp collecting are held Thursday evenings from 7:45 to 9:15 in Sever Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

The brother of the proprietor of Foster's Hill-Top Stamp Co., East Boston, Mass., attended the first meeting and the letter describing this meeting is as follows:

"My brother went to the first meeting and found it very interesting. The cost of the complete course of eight lectures is \$8.00. The textbook that is required for the course is a new book called "Minimum Essentials in Stamp Collecting," by Mrs. Gerald H. Burgess, in collaboration with Haughton Sanguinetti. The price of the text book is \$2.50. The first meeting of the class was taken up largely by getting acquainted, and deciding exactly what sort of help and advice the various members of the class wanted in future lectures. Mr. Sanguinetti presented the class with a frame of very interesting covers to look over, showing the development of the methods of mail delivery from the pre-stamp era up to and including air mails. There was an interesting cover that had been carried via rocket. A list of the essential accessories needed for collecting and caring for a collection was placed upon the blackboard. Being as follows: A pair of tongs, hinges, a perf. gauge, a watermark detector, and if possible a current Scott's Catalogue. The choice of what sort of album to use was discussed in full and of course a final choice in albums would depend on the type of collection the hobbyist planned to acquire. The use of tongs in handling stamps was stressed and the putting of only first class material in one's album was made quite a point of. For the beginner Mr. Sanguinetti pointed out the economy in buying the very largest size packet of different varieties and not attempting to buy mixtures till after one has reached the place in collecting where a lot of duplicates are needed for swapping with other collectors, or where one is looking for minor varieties. Mr. Sanguinetti stressed the importance the good Approval Dealer plays in the building of a serious collector's collection. Though he did not say so in so many words, he made it quite plain that approval purchases from a reliable and friendly dealer is so much better for the beginner than to attempt to visit a big stamp department and buy everything in sight. After buying and mounting the largest packet of different stamps one can then with the aid of approval sheets and booklets begin to fill in some of the uncompleted sets.

There were about 18 or 20 present at the first meeting and they all seemed like very earnest and most interested collectors. They were about evenly divided as to sex, and were mostly of mature age. Among those present were Mr. Frederick B. Fitts of the company bearing his name, that handles a Stamp and Cover

Service in Framingham, Mass. He brought with him various members of his staff that are going to take the complete course. Lawrence B. Foster of Foster's Hill-Top Stampco, East Boston, was also present and passed around several interesting covers for the general informal get together near the close of the meeting. These included several interesting German covers, and one cover of the First Flight, Transatlantic service, that has the much coveted signature of the Capt. A. E. LaPorte. A cover of the Newfoundland Provisionals was also shown by Mr. Foster as an example of overprint or surcharged stamps and their use. Linn's stamp magazine was mentioned and was placed in a leading place on the list of stamp publications that find favor with the reading collector that wants to keep abreast with what's what in Philately."

• The stamps of Afghanistan's 1881 design on many kinds of colored paper were the result of a stamp collector's inquiry to buy some that had been printed, whereupon the postal officials printed all kinds of them with intent of increasing sales.

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Finland

Though for weeks the Soviet military forces have attempted to crush Finnish resistance, the boundaries of the small republic have remained practically intact. One of the principal points toward which Stalin's warriors have directed their efforts is the important city



of Wiipuri (Viborg) which lies in the extreme southeastern part of the country, just a little over 50 miles from Soviet territory and the first city along the international railroad that runs from Leningrad, U. S. S. R. The ancient fortress of Wiipuri stands guard over the beleaguered city, its massive medieval walls being depicted on the 2 mark Semi-Postal stamp of 1931. The building was built by Torkel Knutson during the Third Crusade in 1293. When the air raids on Helsingfors, the capital, began, most of the populace fled northward to the comparative safety of the countryside. About 55 miles north of the capital on the sole railway, lies the Castle of Hameenlinna (or Tavastehus) which is depicted on the 1 1/4 mark stamp of the same series. Once the Castle was host to Christian armies, and indeed was built in 1249 during the second of the great Crusades of medieval times. Again it plays host to the refugees of its country. When they were part of Sweden, Finnish troops and leaders rose to important positions. One of these, Evert Horn, is depicted on the 1 1/4 mark Semi-Postal of 1934. Horn was Commander-in-Chief of Swedish troops in the war with Russia in the 17th century which resulted in complete victory for Sweden.

• The Sarasota (Fla.) Stamp Club is sponsoring a cachet for the annual Pageant of Sara De Sota, March 5-9 and anyone desiring covers to be cacheted should send them unsealed and unstuffed with postage affixed, to Roald Witmer, 126 Central Ave., Sarasota. Commemoratives on your letter to him will be appreciated.

"Stampers' Rampage"

For suggesting the name "Stampers' Rampage" for the March 9 banquet at the annual exhibition of the Michigan Stamp Club, Walter E. Mathiak won a \$5.00 prize, writes Cecil Betron, who describes the "Rampage" as the "newest thing in streamlined banquets . . . featuring a buffet dinner, music, dancing and other forms of entertainment . . ." A philatelic label carrying Queen Victoria's portrait will be issued at the exhibition.

Borah Portrait Proposed

Postal officials are considering, reportedly with favor, the proposal that the stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of statehood of Idaho portray the late Senator William Borah. The stamp is expected to be issued the first week of July, but details of design and first day have not yet been officially announced.

Postal Employees Warned

In a special notice in *The Postal Bulletin*, under date of Feb. 2, Third Assistant Postmaster General Ramsey S. Black again warned postmasters to take "proper precautions" that Famous Americans stamps not be placed on sale until the authorized date, the second day of issue. A table of the proper dates, printed in boldface type was included in the notice, which resulted from numerous violations of instructions previously issued on the same subject.

• "How kind of you," the bedridden collector said, "to bring me these lovely fresh flowers. I believe there is some dew on them yet."

"Yes," stammered the club's committee chairman, "but we are going to pay it tomorrow."

• The recent severe winter weather caused the trans-Atlantic Clippers to use Norfolk and Miami as ports of entry and departure temporarily.

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First Stamps of Peru

The highest value, 10 soles, of Peru's 1936 regular issue portrays the "Rowland Hill of Peru." The title of the stamp design is self-explanatory: "Dr. Jose Davila Condemarin, reorganizer of the postal branch, established the use of stamps." Victor Chavez Zamudio, Chief of the Postal and Philatelic Museum at Lima, recently published in "El Correo" some data on the origin of the first stamps in Peru. Research shows that Dr. Condemarin first suggested the franking of mail by stamps in his notes of March 17, 1851, which were embodied in a government resolution of the same year, dated May 13. Sept. 29, 1852, he again referred to his project in his official notes. It was not, however, until October 19, 1857, that the Council of Ministers under their executive authority passed a resolution authorizing the manufacture and use of stamps. Dr. Condemarin borrowed from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company some of their stamps and these were used temporarily, Peru's first postage issue making its debut according to early reports on March 1, 1858. The borrowed steamship company stamps were supposed to have been placed in use on December 1, 1857, and had a period of use of indefinite length.

There has been some confusion caused by existing references in old documents to "stamps" having been authorized on August 18, 1849, on which date the National Mint was authorized to engrave 15 "stamps." Research by Mr. Zamudio developed that these were post marking stamps, to be used in a manner similar to the "5" and "10" markings found on stampless covers of the United States. The 15 "stamps" were ovals with "LIMA" at top in a double line panel of odd shape and in the center the denomination in reales "2 R.," "5 1/2," etc., in denominations ranging from 1/2 real to 9 reales. As Mr. Zamudio points out, philatelists are in error in supposing that the stamps requested by the Post Office Department in a letter of August 6, 1849, were adhesive postage stamps, as the request referred only to what are termed "Sellos valorados" (valuing stamps literally) and termed in this country "postmarks," being placed on letters to indicate the amount of postage paid.

• A copy of the first Newfoundland air mail stamp, the Hawker of 1919, used on piece, brought \$330 at auction recently in England.

New Book Received

United States Guide Lines, 1940 Edition, compiled and published by J. H. Davis Reynolds, Flint, Mich., 12 pages 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, paper bound, sent free on receipt of postage. Mr. Reynolds has for years been the leading dealer in guide line varieties of the flat plate U. S. stamps and while this publication is also his price list it is the only publication listing these in catalog form, with descriptive material. Stamps are priced in seven conditions: The four different positions having two guide lines to a stamp, the stamp perforated all around without guide line and the stamp with straight edge and guide line at top, bottom, right or left. The collector who finds it difficult to understand how and why guide lines occur, sometimes perforated, usually straight-edged, will find this free booklet self explanatory. The plate layout of all types and issues of flat plate issues since the Bureau started in 1894 are briefly but clearly explained. Next year Mr. Davis states he intends to include prices of unused plate number singles, split arrows and other markings which some collectors like to form into "miniature sheets" on their album pages to show the arrangements of a stamp's plate markings.

• The federal government's stamp collection in the National Museum began in 1891 when department store owner, Postmaster General Wanamaker, obtained Congressional leave to spend \$2,200 for the first year, most of the sum being to pay the custodian.

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Editor's Notebook

APPROVALS Since the approval system is the one by which most stamps change hands the conduct of those participating in this form of merchandising, buyer and seller, is of great importance to the well being of the hobby. From our own experience we are convinced that most of the complaints and disputes arise from misunderstanding rather than an attempt by either party to put over something dishonest on the other. We are also convinced after long association with collectors and dealers that most of them — and that "most" must be as high a percentage as the purity of that well known soap — are honest in all their transactions. The real trouble is caused by the unprincipled minority who like most minorities create a rumpus out of all proportion to their size.

Recently we were presented with an interesting complaint. A subscriber had received an approval selection of U. S. which contained some common stamps trimmed of their perforations and numbered and priced as scarce imperforates and coils. The fakes were so

crude that none but the novice would be likely to be fooled — but therein lies the danger to our hobby as when the fraud would be eventually discovered, such a collector might well in disgust cease collecting stamps. Offhand it would look like an open and shut case, wouldn't it? But that's the danger of snap judgments. When questioned, the dealer submitted the fact to which most dealers can testify:—that customers occasionally substituted bad stamps for good ones, a form of cheating not always detected before the selection was sent out to the next applicant. Common sense, fair play, and the legal requirement that the accused be given the benefit of any doubt, make dismissal of such a complaint a matter of course because it not only could have happened that way, but unless one is overly suspicious he must admit it undoubtedly did happen just that way.

Unsolicited approvals are another source of continual friction. Some senders, knowing the average person's ignorance of postal laws, have obtained back these selections by threats, compelling the receiver to pay the postage in addition to scaring him of a visit from G-men, etc. The truth, not as well known as it and many other truths should be, is that one is under no compulsion other than his conscience to return unordered or unsolicited merchandise. Effective means of ending unsolicited sendings are available. Since such sendings are illegal, postal inspectors at city of mailing if supplied all the facts, could take action. The selection can of course be held indefinitely until the sender supplies stamped envelope for return. One collector improved on this by charging \$1.00 for the "service" of bothering to return the selection!

Dealers have a legitimate complaint against some collectors who apply for approvals solely to get the free premium offered with the trial selection. Stamps obtained in such a dishonest manner should afford little pleasure to their owners. We say "dishonest" because the premiums are offered folk who really want to see approvals and are prepared to buy — not to those who pretend they want approvals and waste the dealers postage and time to gain for themselves a few free stamps.

Publishers are repeatedly asked to take action against those who in the opinion of the complaining party, are dishonest; but rarely is sufficient evidence of the right sort produced. We have done all we could, though we are convinced that stamp clubs, local and national, are much better equipped to handle the unscrupulous. We do not believe we are passing the buck when we say that. Club constitutions generally contain provisions broad enough to catch the most slippery of the slick, not to mention the blundering misdoer. Our own experience has shown that this power is neglected, even when overwhelming evidence and need of action

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—R.R.

Perts and Imperts

ADD TO PHILATELIC STATISTICS: the oldest stamp club in the United States is the Rhode Island Philatelic Society of Providence. Meetings have been held monthly without interruption since the club was formed Feb. 2, 1885. In recent years the meetings are held twice a month.

WAR: A LETTER FROM ALDER- shot, England from Capt. J. H. Neeland who operated the Adanac Stamp Co., at Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He writes that he "will have to miss my LINN'S for some time" and that his stamp business "is therefore in a state of suspension, until — I hope — my return." We hope so too, Captain.

FROM THE POLONUS PHILATELIC Society an autographed program of their recent very successful show at Chicago. We were glad to be able to do our mite by helping them with publicity.

WITH APPARENTLY EVERYONE noting slightest changes in U. S. stamps and markings, it's strange the lack of comment of the change now rapidly going on of the styles of lettering and arrangement of U. S. cancellations. The fellow who likes lighter cancels is getting a break with the new designs but isn't very vocal with his thanks it seems.

THE "WASHINGTON STAR" SAYS "The way Ecuador handles her revolutions reminds one of an alert janitor with a fire extinguisher" and a stamp collector might use the same comparison regarding that country's smothering splurges of stamp issues as if philately were a big fire.

THE SECOND NUMBER OF THE Precancel Forum came in the other day and as the logical successor to the "Midwest" we wish it success. Allen P. Vestal of Indianapolis is editor and Burton Klein, publisher. A request to Mr. Klein at Route 1, Vincennes, Ind., for a sample copy would no doubt bring one.

STAMPEDE, THE MONTHLY OF the New York Life Stamp Society starts a new feature (every time we say "new," someone sends in a letter proving someone else did it umpteen years ago) but it's new to us, with an article by Bill Rosenbloom reviewing the philatelic books in his and the club's library. That's one way of interesting them.

First Day Calendar

POETS			
Denom.	Person	Place	Date
3c	Lowell	Cambridge, Mass.	Feb. 20
5c	Whitman	Camden, N. J.	Feb. 20
10c	Riley	Greenfield, Ind.	Feb. 24
EDUCATORS			
1c	Mann	Boston, Mass.	March 14
2c	Hopkins	Williamstown, Mass.	March 14
3c	Ellot	Cambridge, Mass.	March 28
5c	Willard	Evanston, Ill.	March 28
10c	Washington	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama	April 7

OTHER STAMPS

3c 50th anniversary of Pan-American Union, April 14. Size of stamp and place of issue not announced.

NOTE—Since the Post Office Department has requested that covers NOT be sent postmasters more than 30 days before the date of first day sale, we are printing only a partial list of the Famous Americans series. First day covers must have first class postage on them in order to receive a dated postmark and confusion will be avoided if collectors will remember that in sending covers for first days of the 1c and 2c stamps.

A. E. Pade offers to service covers for dealers at the first day sale of the Wyoming stamp in July at 1c per cover. Dealers should contact him at the address given in his ad on the editorial page. His staff is experienced in this sort of work. Mr. Pade advises that he understands that the stamp if issued will probably have first day sale at Cheyenne, July 10.

• The stamps of Pitcairn Island will have a face value in Australasian currency which is 20% less in value per pound than English pounds.

Brickbats vs. Bouquets

Has it ever occurred to you, Mr. and Mrs. Reader, to send in a letter of praise, when you found a stamp dealer who was satisfactory, to the publisher of the stamp paper in which the stamp dealer's ad appeared?

Of course we all waste no time in writing a letter of complaint, but it remained for Mr. H. B. Kincaid of Englewood, Colorado, to be one of the first to write us a letter of commendation for a dealer who ran a classified advertisement in Linn's Weekly Stamp News a short time ago.

Such letters are so few and far between that, believe us, when we first started to read Mr. Kincaid's letter, we thought it was one of complaint. Were we agreeably surprised!

Everyone is interested in trying to drive out the cheat and unscrupulous dealer, so when you find one who is on the square, why not pass the word along? The honest dealer is deserving of praise just as much as the other kind deserves a knock. And most dealers are very fair in their dealings with collectors.

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Another British Censor Label

The *Washington Star* illustrates a censor label used in England which is quite different from others reported. This label is affixed to an envelope which contained a Christmas Card sent a person in England. The label is inscribed in five lines: "RETURNED TO SENDER—BY THE CENSOR—FOR REASON EXPLAINED IN—MEMORANDUM ENCLOSED—IN THIS COVER." Inside was a printed form stating: "P. C. 82. Postage by individuals of Christmas cards, greeting cards of all kinds, calendars, printed matter, literature for the blind, used or unused postage stamps addressed to certain countries is forbidden. Such articles may be dispatched only by news agents, stationers, dealers or booksellers possessing the necessary permit. Individuals wishing to dispatch any of the above should therefore place their order with their news agent, stationer, dealer or bookseller, together with the list of names and addresses of those to whom the articles are to be sent." A Christmas card sent from Egypt to Britain and mailed as a post card, was delivered to addressee with most of the card's message cut off by censor.

Public Hobby No. 1

Double feature bookings seem to prevent wider showings of the philatelic movie, "Public Hobby No. 1." Ohio collectors may be interested to learn that showings of the picture in that state are confined to the smaller cities and towns. Bookings so far are: Wooster, Wayne Theatre, Feb. 21-22; Powhatan Point, Point Theatre, Feb. 22; Cadiz, Community Theatre, March 9; Plain City, Rialto Theatre, April 9; Utica, Mystic Theatre, April 27-28. This short feature on philately is released by Paramount.

• Benicia (Calif.) Philatelic Society held its annual meeting last month, initiating 11 new members. John W. Kamb, 1814 Virginia St., Berkeley, is Secy-Treas. The Society plans to visit in a group several clubs in the San Francisco Bay area in the next few months.

• Art Bledsoe, Secy. of the Topeka Stamp Club, 826 Monroe St., Topeka, Kansas is holding airmail covers for dedication of the new city airport at that city. Send covers to him ready to go.

Famous American Educators

HORACE MANN



Horace Mann is the outstanding educational reformer in American history. Born on a farm in the town of Franklin, Mass., May 4, 1796, Mann was the descendant of an early settler. From his father, who died of tuberculosis, Mann inherited a frail physique and a susceptibility to that disease. His early years were marked by poverty, toil, and the repression and fear instilled by the poorly trained school teachers of that day and their archaic educational principles. He seldom was in school more than ten weeks in a year. Studying under a gifted tutor, he entered Brown University as a sophomore, graduating in 1819. He then entered a law office, soon returning to Brown as tutor in the languages. Admitted to the bar in 1823, he practiced at Dedham, Mass. until 1833. His public career began with election to the legislature in 1827 where he finally became presiding officer of the Senate. On April 20, 1837, the legislature passed the education bill for which Mann had fought so hard and Mann was appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth's board of education the bill established. For 12 years he held this post, fighting often against bitter opposition to re-organize the common school system of the state, principally to have units of control by towns instead of districts. He educated the public to the value of public schools and by increasing pay to teachers, making available more educational facilities for the teachers and instituting new methods of teaching, saw most of his plans materialize. Second perhaps in importance, is his founding of the first three normal schools in the United States for training teachers. High schools were revived due to him. By means of the annual reports of his office Mann published what have long since become educational classics. In 1848, after some years of study abroad of educational institutions, Mann was elected to Congress and resigned his secretaryship. One of the difficulties which had hampered him in his work was the strong campaign to force study of the Bible in schools, Mann maintaining, successfully, that this was not proper and that the Book should be read, but without comment. In 1852 he was defeated for the governorship as result of incurring the disfavor of Daniel Webster. In the same year he assumed the Presidency of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He resigned this post in 1859 after leading the school through some very difficult years, dying on Aug. 2, 1859 at Yellow Springs. He was survived by three sons by his second marriage. The last sentence of his baccalaureate address in 1859 clearly tells the motivating thought of his entire life: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

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A1—1Fr. on 90c. rose

(R. Roberts)

GREECE—1939 Charity Semi-Postal. New color. Size of stamp as before, perf. 13x13½ or 13. Unwatermarked:

PT6—50 lepta, buff & purple

(R. Roberts)

JUGOSLAVIA—Other values in new set heralded in our notes of January 6th, at which time the 1D50 value was noted. Laureated portrait of King Peter, size of stamp 24x30 mm, unwmkd., perf. 12½. Typographed on surfaced paper:

- 1D. green
- 3D. brown-purple
- 4D. ultramarine
- 6D. slate
- 8D. deep brown
- 12D. mauve
- 16D. purple

(R. Roberts)

Semi-Postals. Postal Employees' Charity. Perf. 12½, photogravure, unwmkd.

50p. plus 50p. orange-brown (Postman delivering)

1D. plus 1D. blue-green (Postman collecting)
1.50D. plus 1.50D. carmine & brown (Mail cart and horse)

2D. plus 2D. deep mauve & brown (Transferring mails from train)
4D. plus 4D. deep blue (Repairing Telegraph wires)

(R. Roberts)

HUNGARY—Horthy Air Mail Semi-Postals. Upright rectangular format, 22x33mm, perf. 12½x12. 400,000 sets printed; all designs are allegorical:

- 6f. plus 6f. green
- 10f. plus 10f. sepia
- 20f. plus 20f. brick-red

(Mark Revesz)

SURINAME—Semi-Postals. Upright rectangular format. Unwmkd., perf. 13x13½; although not shown on the stamps, we assume the surtax was the same as in previous issues for like values and so list:

- 2½c. plus 2c. gray-green
- 3c. plus 2c. orange
- 5c. plus 3c. light-blue
- 7½c. plus 5c. brown-red

(L. A. Russell)

Price Lists Received

Empire Wholesale Catalogue 1940 Edition, Empire Stamp Co., 349 Lippincott St., Toronto, Canada. Features British Empire particularly and lists nearly 80 pages of singles, sets, accessories, etc. Free on request.

U. S. and Possessions, Price List No. 19, Uptown Stamp Co., 140 W. 42nd St., New York City. Features prices from one of the largest stocks of U. S. stamps, by this well-known auction house. Free to collectors upon request.

Wholesale Price List No. 25, Elliott M. Walton, Inc., 80 Nassau St., New York City. This lists only mint 20th Century items, particularly pictorials, commems, airmails.

1940 Price List of Airmail Stamps, L. W. Charlat, 180 Broadway, New York City. Lists sets of airmail stamps of the world.

Afran Stamp Co., P. O. Box 1181, Manila, Philippines has issued a new price list of Philippine stamps. Free on request.

The American Philatelist under official notice calls attention to the unauthorized statement on the price list of a Roumanian dealer, "Seci 'Philatelia,'" whose address is B-Dul Bratianu 32, Bucureti. The price list states the firm is a member of the A. P. S.

Hungarian Issues Scheduled

On March 1st, our Hungarian correspondent, Mark Revesz, reports, the post office will issue a set of three stamps of denominations of 6, 10 and 20 fillers commemorating the 20th anniversary of the election of Admiral Horthy as Regent of Hungary. In May or June a series is expected to commemorate the 500th anniversary of King Matthew. In September a semi-postal series for the aid of "plastic and graphic artists" is scheduled. Rumor is that famous works of art will be featured on the designs. Details of denominations, colors, etc., were undecided at time of writing.

• Approximately 900 persons, exclusive of members and children, attended the first exhibition of the Lower Merion Stamp Club at Narberth, Pa., Jan. 19-21. 80 frames of stamps were shown.

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227-235 Mauritius to 1R	(9)	.95
227-238 Mauritius Cp. to 10R	(12)	9.30
92-94 Montserrat	(3)	.10
92-98 Montserrat to 6d	(7)	.50
92-99 Montserrat to 1/-	(8)	.75
92-101 Montserrat Cp. to 5/-	(10)	3.00
244- Newfoundland 48c	(1)	.55
245-248 Newfoundland	(4)	.20
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53-59 Nigeria to 6d	(7)	.50
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53-62 Nigeria Cp. to 5/-	(10)	3.00
73-75 Niue 1/-, 2/-, 3/-	(3)	1.50
25-32 No. Rhodesia to 1/-	(8)	.80
25-37 No. Rho'a Cp. to £	(13)	12.90
54-57 Nyasaland ½ to 2d.	(4)	.15
54-60 Nyasaland to 6d	(7)	.45
54-62 Nyasaland Set to 1/-	(9)	1.00
54-67 Nyasaland Cp. to 1£	(14)	12.50
118-121 St. Helena ½ to 2d.	(4)	.15
118-123 St. Helena to 6d	(6)	.50
118-124 St. Helena to 1/-	(7)	.75
118-127 St. Helena to 10/-	(10)	6.00
79-85 St. Kitts to 6d	(7)	.50
79-86 St. Kitts to 1/-	(8)	.75
79-88 St. Kitts Cp. to 5/-	(10)	3.00
110-116 St. Lucia to 6d	(7)	.50
110-117 St. Lucia to 1/-	(8)	.75
110-120 St. Lucia Cp. to 10/-	(11)	5.85
141-143 St. Vincent ½ to 1½	(3)	.10
141-147 St. Vincent to 6d	(7)	.50
141-148 St. Vincent to 1/-	(8)	.75
141-151 St. Vincent Cp. to 1£	(11)	9.00
125-127 Seychelles 2, 3, 6c.	(3)	.08
125-134 Seychelles to 50c.	(10)	1.25
125-136 Seychelles to 1R	(12)	1.80
125-139 Seychelles Cp. to 5R	(15)	6.00
173-175 Sierra Leone	(3)	.10
173-180 Sierra Leone to 6d.	(8)	.65
173-181 Sierra Leone to 1/-	(9)	.90
173-185 Sierra Leone Cp. to 1£	(13)	12.00
42-48 So. Rhodesia to 6d	(5)	.35
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238-246 Strait Sett. to 25c.	(9)	.60
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238-252 Strait S. Cp. to \$5.00	(15)	7.50
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27-34 Swaziland to 1/-	(8)	.80
27-37 Swaziland Cp. to 10/-	(11)	6.00
50-56 Trinidad to 12c.	(7)	.50
50-57 Trinidad to 24c.	(8)	.80
50-58 Trinidad Cp. to 60c.	(9)	1.60
78-85 Turks to 6d.	(8)	.50
78-86 Turks ls. to 1/-	(9)	.75
78-89 Turks ls. cp. to 10/-	(12)	5.85
76-78 Virgin Islds. ½-1-1½	(3)	.10
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PRECANCEL STAMP NEWS

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RAMBLINGS

Nothing much of interest this week; sort of a lull before the storm I guess... Have seen the three low values of the FAMOUS set postally used already and am just waiting for somebody to show me one precancelled. There will be some I am sure. If there is you can't expect much centering as far as the precancellation is concerned as none of the existing precancelling plates will fit these odd sized stamps. They are about the same size as the Virginia Dare stamp are they not? ... Have another city type coil in the Presidentials to list, a 4½c Milwaukee in U-97. ... 5c Presidential sheet stamp from Charleston, S. C. U-10 ... Stuff just seems to pile up on my desk — note way over on the right a pair of ½c Hales from Bluefield, W. Va. in U-55, a 3c Stuart and an 8c 27 from Philippi, W. Va. in U-120 next to it and then here is a 10c Special Handling from Vineland, N. J. in U-120 sticking out from under a pile of stuff composed of a 13c Santa Cruz, Calif. U-121 inv. and a 50c Van Nuys in U-120, ½c Novato, Calif. U-120, 25c Woolrich, Pa., a couple of Waukegan Kosciuszko and a bunch of 3c NRA's from Chester, Pa. in U-12. Other items were of the 27 issue. Now over to the left before I brush them in the waste basket is a 15c Cumberland, Md., 12c Aberdeen inv., 17c Kenosha, Wis., 2c Brenham, Tex., White Plains and a 5c 31 due from Berkeley, Calif. in U-14. Guess I'll save these and throw the rest away???? ... About as big a joke as the above can be found in a recent issue of the Philatelic Press, in fact several of them. The only reason I can figure why the publishers print such bunk is they hope that some sap like me will take exceptions to the writings and give them a lot of free advertising. The publishers print a bureau catalog which they claim is THE ACCEPTED CATALOG in the field, yet in all the precancel papers, precancel house organs and precancel club bulletins not to mention the regular stamp papers have I ever noted their catalog being quoted. Even if it was quoted once or even twice that surely would be a far cry from being THE ACCEPTED CATALOG. I have met hundreds of collectors of precancels and have yet to find one that uses anything else but the Hoover catalog as a bureau guide. Surely I would have met one by now. Another peeve of theirs is the Net BASIS catalogs, they basing all their listings on a 50% basis, which is their business but to try to say that the trend of the collector's desires are not toward NET CATALOGS is just so much hokum because every NET priced catalog has been accepted as an improvement over older methods. Whether this is the best for dealers I can't say and have no part in the argument other than to report just what the big publishers are doing. The last laugh comes in listing of the 50c Seattle Presidential at 15c, with a

50% discount from this, would mean a NET of 7½c. Would you give 7½c for a 50c Seattle Presidential bureau? So would I, and so would hundreds of other collectors I know of, but don't waste your postage as it is very doubtful if any copies will ever be supplied at that figure. Just a nice bluff — If they try to make good on the "call" of the bluff it will cost them money and I will be honest enough to report same if they do. Yours till the overprints fade away.

P. S. S. Convention

The Board of Governors of the Precancel Stamp Society have approved the dates of August 16, 17, 18 and 19 for the 1940 Convention of the Society. This follows the custom of a convention held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Houston, Texas, will be host to the convention.

• Carl Pelander, author of the book on Finnish stamps which is being published to raise funds for Finland, exhibited Finnish stamps at the Jan. 19 meeting of the Philatelic Society of the Oranges at East Orange, N. J. A number of copies of the book were sold at the meeting, bringing the total now sold to around 1,000.

• Botwood, where the trans-Atlantic Clippers stopped on the northern route, has no landing field. The place is a practical stop only for amphibians, as it has a large land-locked estuary well suited for such ships.

Cachets and Labels

We will print in our columns a brief mention of your cachet free of charge—if your cachet is free. When the covers must be forwarded a considerable distance a forwarding charge of not over 1c per cover may be made and we will mention that. But if stamps, envelopes or cachets are charged for, no matter for what purpose, we consider it advertising and our advertising rates apply. We make no exceptions. This rule applies to poster stamps issued by or for other than philatelic events, if they are to be sold. Poster stamp notices of labels prepared by stamp clubs to commemorate or advertise club events will be printed free, even though they are to be sold at a profit; but we will not print notices free of labels produced by individuals or non-philatelic bodies unless the labels are free.

Topeka Annual Dinner

The Topeka Stamp Club will hold its annual dinner, March 7 at 6:30 P. M. at Sickinger's Cafe, 214 W. 7th St., Topeka, Kans. Several speakers are scheduled. This club meets regularly on first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Chamber of Commerce and visitors, of course, are welcome.

The Largest Philatelic Library

The Collectors Club of New York City owns the world's largest philatelic library. An inventory completed last Dec. 31 reported that there were a total of 88,350 items in the library divided as follows: 2,191 handbooks, 7,885 catalogues, and 78,208 periodicals of which slightly over half are foreign. It is expected that complete index of the whole will be completed before long. There are other large philatelic libraries in existence, but none approach the Collectors Club library in completeness, housing and accessibility.

Checking Watermarks

Collectors should use care in checking watermarks of rotogravure printed stamps as these stamps are usually printed in inks which are soluble in water or other fluids, such as benzine, used in watermark detecting. British stamps are printed, the *Australian Stamp Monthly* states, from an ink that is thinned with benzine and no matter how short an immersion may be made in benzine of such a stamp, the color will be affected. Holding to a light is recommended as safest for rotogravure stamps such as many countries now are using.

• The Controller of the Sudan Government Office at London, England, sells new Sudanese stamps at face value plus ¼% commission for handling orders from stamp dealers.

• The Soviet icebreaker "Malygin" pictured on the Graf Zeppelin issue of 1931, was trapped in the Polar ice fields from October 1937 until April 1938 without being crushed.

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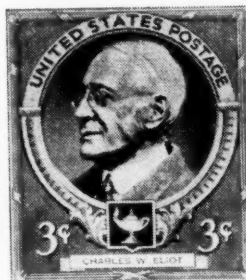
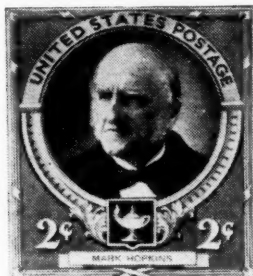
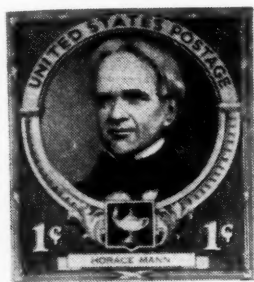
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Mythical Lamp Used As Symbol In Designs of Educators Commemoratives



The Post Office Department has made public the names of designer and engravers of the Educators group of Famous Americans stamps and the sources of the portraits as well. William A. Roach, who designed the Artists and Authors groups, also designed the Educators group. In engraving the dies, Carl T. Arlt engraved the frame used on all five denominations, while James T. Vail and William B. Wells jointly engraved the lettering of all five stamps. The portrait on the 1c Horace Mann stamp was engraved by William O. Marks from a reproduction of a photograph by Perry Pictures (number 139 of this firm's edu-

cational pictures sold schools, etc., on practically all subjects) which was supplied by the Library of Congress. The 2c Mark Hopkins portrait was engraved by Leo C. Kauffman from a photograph of an engraving by H. B. Hall's Sons, New York, N. Y., the engraving being supplied by the Library of Congress. The 3c Charles W. Eliot portrait was engraved by Gilroy Roberts, using as a model a photograph published in "Current History" magazine in January 1915 and copy of which was supplied by the Washington Public Library. The 5c Frances E. Willard portrait was engraved by James R. Lowe who used as

a model a reproduction of a photograph by Perry Pictures (their number 152) furnished by the Washington Public Library. The 10c Booker T. Washington portrait was engraved by Charles A. Brooks using as model a photograph supplied by the portrait gallery of Harris & Ewing, Washington, being their negative file number B-14111.

The designs as illustrated feature the symbolical lamp of knowledge sometimes referred to as Aladdin's Lamp also. This symbol has been used commercially frequently and was used by one motion picture firm for years as the emblem of its "Educational Pictures."

Soviet Mail Censored

Mail leaving the Soviet Union for abroad is apparently censored, but by whom and where is indefinite as the label is a plain strip of brown gummed paper. A cover submitted by Mrs. E. W. Bratte, R. D., Canton, O., had been slit across the back and then sealed in this manner. All sorts of stamps are used on Russian mail, including many commemoratives noted on covers received from non-collectors.

• More navy post offices ordered re-established in February include the McManahan and Meade. New offices ordered established are the U. S. S. Navajo, George F. Badger, Bancroft and Shubrick.

Auction Calendar

The listing in this calendar are limited to sales advertised in our columns. Catalogs, or dates of sales should be sent as early as possible to insure listing in time.

Feb. 27 — Mail Sale. Y. Souren Co., 394 Park Ave., New York.

Feb. 28—General Foreign. L. Kusmierz, 6355 Willette, Detroit, Mich.

Feb. 28-29—U. S., Foreign Estate Collection. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Feb. 29—U. S., British North America. Fred E. Farnham, 208 David Stott Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

March 1—Hi-Hat Sale. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O.

Mar. 14—U. S., Foreign. H. Wendt, Waverly Iowa.

Mar. 29 — Pictorial Auction. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., Suite 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O.

No Southern Rhodesian Commemoratives

The *New York Times* states that the District Postmaster of Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia has advised that because of the European War, they have decided not to issue stamps for the 50th anniversary of the colony. Designs, colors and denominations of the series had been chosen months ago and the series had been expected to materialize despite the war.

• In acquiring the Vilna (Wilno or Vilnius) district from Poland, Lithuania added 54 post offices to its postal service. The names of all have been changed from Polish to Lithuanian: Vilna now being "Vilnius."

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Finnish Semi-Postal

Finland is reported as planning to issue a 2-markka postage stamp carrying a surtax of the same amount for the national defense. The stamp will depict the emblematic lion rampant with sword and be inscribed "Pro Patria" (For Our Country).

170,000 1c First Day Covers

Sales of the 1c Washington Irving stamp totalled 657,337 copies at Tarrytown, N. Y. on the first day of issue. 170,969 covers were cancelled. Sales of the James Fenimore Cooper 2c stamp on the same day at Cooperstown, were somewhat less, totalling 284,324 stamps and 154,836 covers cancelled. While the stamps went on sale the following day at all other post offices having a supply, a count was made of stamps sold and covers cancelled at Washington, totalling 49,742 stamps and 5,922 covers of the 1c and 48,874 stamps and 4,689 covers of the 2c.

• Cachets for 10th anniversary death of ex-President Taft and 150th birthday anniversary of Pres. John Tyler will be mailed from five appropriately named post offices by Alvin Franzblau, 717 E. 5th St., New York City. Send covers ready to go, with 1c forwarding for each.

New Postal Savings Stamp Plates Manufactured

The list of postage stamp plates manufactured by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in January includes as was expected new plates for the other values of the Famous Americans Series, but unexpected is the inclusion of plates for producing Postal Savings Stamps of a new design, not only of the denomination (10c) in use many years, but of new values of 25c, 50c and \$1.00. The Postal Savings stamps are not used for payment of postage, but are used in the conduct of operations of the Postal Savings division. To encourage children to start savings accounts, a card having an imprinted 10c stamp is sold for that sum and when nine other 10c stamps are affixed, the child may deposit the card at the post office and have a Postal Savings account opened for the minimum sum, \$1.00. In many post offices the stamps are never used, because the public does not know of the existence of these savings stamps, or else other and more convenient savings facilities are at hand. Apparently the new stamps are to be used in enlarging the scope of the stamps, but instructions have not yet been issued postmasters. Collectors of combinations of plate numbers of the 6c air mail will have seven more plates to expect also as result of this month's new plates made for the center imprinting of that stamp.

Three plates each for the Famous Educators are noted, the third plate being a reserve one, as these plates are printed in pairs. If demand exceeds expectations, a fourth plate may be made as was done with the Authors and the four plates sent to press.

Plate Number	Denomination	Series	Kind
22517-18-19-20-36			
-37-38-39	6c Air Mail, center plate only	1938	50 flat
22521-22-23	1c Horace Mann, Educator, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22524-25-26	2c Mark Hopkins, Educator, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22527-28-29	3c Charles Eliot, Educator, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22530-31-32	5c Frances E. Willard, Educators, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22533-34-35	10c Booker T. Washington, Educators, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22540-41	10c Postal Savings, New Design	1940	400 flat
22542-43	50c Postal Savings, New Design	1940	400 flat
22544	\$1 Postal Savings, New Design	1940	400 flat
22545	1c Audubon, Scientist, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22546-47-48	2c Dr. Long, Scientist, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22549-50-51	3c Luther Burbank, Scientist, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22552-53-54	5c Dr. Walter Reed, Scientist, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22555-56-57	10c Jane Addams, Scientist, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22558-59-60			

The following plates were sent to press during January. It will be noted that two additional plates of the 2c and 3c Authors have been sent to press. Since these went to press the first week of January, all four plates should be represented in initial shipments to post offices of those stamps.

Plate Number	Denomination	Series	Kind
22502-03	1c Longfellow, Poet, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22505-06	2c Whittier, Poet, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22508-10	3c Lowell, Poet, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22511-12	5c Whitman, Poet, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22514-15	10c Riley, Poet, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22517-18	1c Horace Mann, Educator, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22521-22	2c Hopkins, Educator, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22527-28	3c Eliot, Educator, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22479-90	2c Cooper, Authors, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22482-91	3c Emerson, Authors, EEC	1940	280 rotary
	EEC Means Electric Eye Convertible Plate		

BROADWAY CHATTER

B Y B I S T A N D E R

Tremendous quantities of the last two miniature sheets from Czechoslovakia, the Masaryk, and the Independence sheets are now being dumped on the market. It is reported that large holdings of these sheets by refugees have been flooding the market to such an extent the retail price has gone lower and lower until now dealers are wondering just when the bottom will be reached. Some dealers, thinking they bought these sheets at lowest prices, have now realized the fact that there is no reliable wholesale price, and as a result, have dropped their retail price in order to get out from under.

New York approval dealers complain that their new applicants lack tact. It is stated that whenever a dealer offers a premium, he gets letters from those collectors stating that he should send along the premium with some stamps on approval and to include return postage for the stamps.

Jacques Minkus of Gimbels has just released a beautiful album for the Famous American Series. Spaces have been provided for singles and blocks, and the data was compiled by Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Stamp Editor for *The Sun*. Illustrations are by Edwin Nicolaides Homer. Additional pages are provided for first day covers.

Turkey has just released not one New Issue, but four. One of these sets, the Railroad, may turn out to be a very scarce set. European wholesalers have notified New York dealers not to re-order this set as they believe that most of them were destroyed in the disastrous earthquake. The printing of this set as reported, was not a large one. Therefore, this set may be a good one. At the same time they reported that the Ataturk Miniature Sheet was sold out on the first day of sale. This again should give you an idea what the New York market is up against in securing quantities of New Issues at New Issue prices.

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The Gimbel Stamp Club which meets every Saturday at Gimbel's Dept. Store, has now offered in place of their Philatelic quiz, (reported in this column several months ago) a "Stump the Stamp Expert" program. A group of prominent philatelists must answer all questions submitted by the audience; prizes being awarded to those whose questions could not be answered. Among the experts invited were Miss M. E. Parsons, Dr. Louise D. Larimore, Ernest A. Kehr, Stamp editor of *The New York Herald Tribune*, Mr. Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., stamp editor for *The Sun*.

Finns So Busy Fighting Soviets That Business Neglected

The 42nd Street Stamp Shop of New York City quote as follows from a letter from one of their suppliers in Denmark:

"The ordered packets of stamps are today sent to your bank except the Finland stamps, and I regret that I am not able to supply you with these at the moment, as I have not received any supply of stamps from Finland in over two months; and nobody has, as owing to the Sowjet attacks all men age 18 to 60 are soldiers and there is no time for business."

The Shop states that so far they've been able to get better stock of Finnish material from Denmark than from Finland itself. How much the wars have slowed mails is shown by the New Yorker's letter of Dec. 4 not arriving in Denmark until Dec. 31.

Collectors Club Exhibition

The Collectors Club, New York City, will hold an exhibition the week of May 6 to 12 to celebrate the centenary of the postage stamp. The show will comprise 70 frames of pages from members' collections of issues from 1840 to 1870 only, of the finest items from members' albums.

• Gotham Stamp and Cover Club meets at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave., New York City on first and third Friday evenings of the month. Visitors are welcome to this club, a branch of the American Air Mail Society.

• R. P. Boone, 516 Queen St., Wilmington, N. C., will service at 1c per cover, covers sent him unsealed, addressed and ready to mail, for the following events: 75th anniversary Lee's Surrender, First Shot Fired in Civil War; Last Shot; Battles of Atlanta, Chickamauga, etc. Closing date on the first is April 1.

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